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FM AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5487

INFO AMCONSUL ASMARA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EGEN ENRG

SUBJ: ANOTHER BRIDGE BLOWN ON ASSAB ROAD

REF: ADDIS 7939 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING TO OIL CO SOURCES A BRIDGE WAS BLOWN DURING THE EARLY HOURS OF JULY 12 APPROXIMATELY 130KM FROM ASSAB. ROUGHLY 30M OF BRIDGING WAS DESTROYED. REPAIR OF THE BRIDGE WAS COMPLETED JULY 17. ACCORDING TO A SOURCE OF UNTESTED RELIABILITY WITH GOOD ACCESS TO PMAC INFO, 12 TRUCKS WERE ALSO DESTROYED. INDUSTRY SOURCES HAVE NOT CONFIRMED THIS LAST ITEM OF INFO.

2. OWING TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE A CONVOY OF TRUCKS WAS DELAYED FROM THE 14TH UNTIL THE 17TH OF JULY. THIS CONVOY, WHICH  
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INCLUDES 108 PETROLEUM TANK TRUCKS AND TAILERS, IS NOW SCHEDULED

TO ARRIVE IN ADDIS ON JULY 20. AFTER THE CONVOY ARRIVES, THERE SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT SUPPLIES TO LAST ANOTHER 5-6 DAYS. UNTIL THEN NO MORE GASOLINE OR DIESEL IS AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO RETAIL OUTLETS.

3. THE EMBASSY HAS INDICATIONS FROM SENSITIVE SOURCES THAT THE DESTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE MAY HAVE BEEN A COORDINATED AFAR-ELF EFFORT. IF SO, THIS WOULD BE THE FIRST SIGNIFICANT COLLABORATION BETWEEN THESE ELEMENTS OF WHICH WE HAVE BECOME AWARE.

4. COMMENT: OIL CO REPS STATE THAT IN SPITE OF SERIOUS SUPPLY SHORTFALLS, NO VITAL INDUSTRIES ARE AS YET AFFECTED. IN ADDITION TO RETAIL RATIONING, OTHER SAVINGS HAVE BEEN REALIZED AT THE AIRPORT WHERE APPROXIMATELY 20 PCT OF NORMAL USAGE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED AS JET AIRCRAFT ARE TAKING ONLY MINIMAL AMOUNTS OF JET FUEL AT THE ADDIS AIRPORT. IN ADDITION, THE GENERAL DECLINE IN ACTIVITY OWING TO THE ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON HAS APPARENTLY REDUCED DEMAND. MOST OUTLYING AREAS SUCH AS JIMMA, BAHR DAR, SHASHAMANE AND SO FORTH ARE BEING SUPPLIED WITH PETROLEUM PRODUCTS IN SUFFICIENT QUANTITIES TO KEEP PUBLIC UTILITIES AND FACTORIES OPERATING ALTHOUGH SHORTAGES HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN DESSIE AND MEKALE. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER, THAT VERY FEW INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITIES ARE LOCATED IN PROVINCIAL LOCATIONS.  
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